

ENGLISH LETTER

Lord Russell of Killowen on Technical Education.

CATHOLIC PROGRESS DURING THE LAST THIRTY YEARS.

Commemoration Services in Honor of the Martyred Priests of Liverpool.

A public meeting, convened by the Chairman of the Hackney Vestry and the members of the Charities Committee of that Vestry, was held on Friday, June 18, at the Hackney Town Hall, under the auspices of the Technical Education Board of the London County Council, to consider the steps to be taken for the establishment of a Technical Institute for Hackney. The Lord Chief Justice (Lord Russell of Killowen) who presided, in opening the proceedings, dealt with the various institutions already existing in Hackney, which were willing to be amalgamated in the proposed Technical Institute. There was, he said, on foot a scheme which had been formulated by the Charity Commissioners, which sprang out of the Sir John Cass Foundation in Hackney. That scheme provided that a Technical Institute should be established and maintained in Hackney on or near the Cass estate, adapted

MAINLY FOR THE INDUSTRIAL CLASSES.

It was a scheme which the people of Hackney were anxious should be carried out. It was not entirely a polytechnic Institute, but an agency which was to be auxiliary to such an Institute. Its main object was to enable the working classes in the neighborhood of their own homes to learn those lessons by which they might be taught to apply modern conditions of Science and Art to their every-day and work-a-day handicrafts. The question then came—How were these important and desirable public objects to be attained? Where was the money to come from? By the exertions of their representatives on the Vestry, by their activity and vigilance in endeavoring to safeguard the inhabitants, they had secured a capital sum of £5,000 from the Sir John Cass Foundation—(hear, hear)—and they had also the contingent rights, which might in the immediate future bring in a further income from that Foundation of something like £500 a year. This latter amount was, however, uncertain, for this reason, that before they could hope to get any portion of it there were large carvings to be provided out of it; but it might be looked for to render some benefit to Hackney in the future. If Hackney were in earnest in the matter, help might be looked for from the Central Body of the City Parochial Foundation. (Hear, hear.) They had the right also to look with confidence to the Technical Education Board of the County Council, which body had the administration of large public funds, to which they, as ratepayers, were large contributors amounting to something like £170,000 a year. They in Hackney had not been in a position, nor had they the right, to go to the County Council and ask for their share of that sum, because to claim the right so to go, they ought to be able to show that they had prepared the ground, and were really in earnest. Woolwich had succeeded in obtaining no less than £5,000 a year from the County Council for technical instruction. Was there any reason why Hackney should not reap the benefit of a similar contribution? The population of Hackney

WAS A WORKING ONE,

but there was a fair sprinkling amongst them who could contribute something towards the object the meeting had in view, and if they did not so contribute he would cry shame on them. The importance of insisting upon this was not so much for the amount which would be contributed, but because it was a condition of compliance with which was necessary before any claim could be made upon the Technical Education Board. He (the Chairman) had promised in 1891-92 that if a fund were got up locally he would contribute £100. He did then contribute a small sum, but they could judge of the miserable character of the contribution when he told them that the balance to the credit of the account of the bank was now only £67. He would now renew the offer he made in 1891, but only on the condition that at least £1,000 were subscribed in Hackney itself. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. G. B. Holmes, of Hackney, proposed: "That this town's meeting recognizes the obligation resting on the community to give its workers the most efficient scientific and technical training possible, in order to equip them most fully for their duties in life, and heartily pledges itself to take every available action to promote the foundation of a Technical Institute of Polytechnic in the Borough of Hackney." The Rev. Mr. Hillman seconded the resolution, which was supported by Sir Andrew Scoble, M. P. for the Central Division of Hackney, Mr. Quintin Hogg and Dr. Forman, and was carried with acclamation. The Chairman announced that Dr. Forman, Mr. S. J. Carter and Mr. George Mathison had each promised to contribute £100 towards the object of the meeting. A further resolution was carried, approving of the opening of a public subscription, and the appointment of a committee.

Catholic Progress.

The London Monitor says:—One of the best and brightest phases of the history of the sixty years record reigns that which records the progress of Catholicity under the Empress Queen. It is only a few years since, in the little parish of St. Martin's, in the Strand, a public meeting was held, at which the Rev. Mr. Hillman seconded the resolution, which was supported by Sir Andrew Scoble, M. P. for the Central Division of Hackney, Mr. Quintin Hogg and Dr. Forman, and was carried with acclamation. The Chairman announced that Dr. Forman, Mr. S. J. Carter and Mr. George Mathison had each promised to contribute £100 towards the object of the meeting. A further resolution was carried, approving of the opening of a public subscription, and the appointment of a committee.

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The Martyr Priests of '47.

The commemoration of the ten heroic priests, the circumstances of whose death, in 1847, were recently detailed in these columns, was observed in Liverpool on Wednesday the 16th inst., with every species of sincere reverence. In presence of a large gathering of the secular and regular clergy of the city and district, and a congregation which crowded the spacious church, his Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese, Rt. Rev. Dr. Whitehead, sang a solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of their souls, in St. Patrick's, Park-place, after which an impressive panegyric was delivered by Rt. Rev. Mgr. Nugent. The members of the chapter occupied seats in the sanctuary, in front of which a massive catafalque had been erected. The altar was draped in mourning, the galleries of the church being also heavily hung with black cloth, in the festoons of which appeared the names of the dead priests. The deacons of the Mass were Rev. George Bede Cox, O.S.B., St. Mary's, and Rev. William Newham, St. Anthony's, both respective rectors closely associated with the commemoration. The deacons at the throne were Very Rev. Canon Egan and Very Rev. Canon Kennedy, the assistant priest being Rt. Rev. Mgr. Canon Carr, V.G. Fr. James Hughes was master of ceremonies. The music of the Mass, which was unaccompanied, was finely rendered by the Diocesan Choir. Mgr. Nugent preached from the text, "The Good Shepherd layeth down his life for his sheep," and having dwelt on the unhesitating sacrifice which the Catholic Church has ever expected from her ministers, gave various

TOUCHING TALES OF THE HEROISM

of those for whom they were united in prayer. Alluding to the horrors of the period, he said he would not disturb the peace of the solemnity by dwelling on them. He himself gave some assistance at the time, and he never forgot, nor could he ever forget, the hideous pestilential air which met the priest in every doorway during his average of forty sick calls a days. No district in the town was so scourged as was St. Patrick's, and when Fr. Grayston, the energetic pastor and ripe scholar, fell, there was no Mass at St. Patrick's; the church was desolate and the presbytery was empty. He caught the contagion, not merely in his ordinary and continuous ministry, but, like those who fell before him, he had gone from hotel to hotel, lifting up the tainted bodies of the deserted dead and placing them in the rude coffins which awaited them. These ten priests, as well as Dr. Youens, the aged Vicar-General who died from the same fever soon afterwards, laid deep the foundations of tolerance in the minds of the people of Liverpool; and for Liverpool Catholics they had left a glorious heritage which would be remembered forever. The Absolutions were given at the conclusion of the service.

The Liberator's Son.

The death has just taken place in Bedford of Mr. Daniel O'Connell, youngest son of the Liberator, at the age of 78 years. Mr. O'Connell was for many years a Commissioner of Inland Revenue at Somerset House, and was retired when the 65 Rule came in operation. Since then he lived at Bedford, where his younger children were being educated at the famous public school. Mr. O'Connell was considered more like his father in appearance than any of his other sons.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

There is a class of people who never think of paying admission to any public entertainment or exhibition of any character. These people are frequenters of concert halls, lacrosse matches and other forms of amusement. The New York Sun, in referring to some features of this matter, says:—"The decision of one of the large music halls to 'suspend' the free list in a fashion somewhat more serious than the presence of those words on a sign in the lobby of a theatre usually implies ought not to be surprising to many of the persons familiar with the extent to which free admittance is allowed in some of these halls. In at least two of them there were twenty members of a certain club who were allowed admittance to the box office. It is not surprising that the same members should have been permitted to attend the same performance without paying any admission fee."

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THE PROVISION MARKET.

A fairly active trade is reported in smoked meats, but the movement of pork and lard is somewhat slow. We quote:—Canadian pork, \$18 50 per barrel; pure Canadian lard, in pails, at 6½c to 7c; and compound refined at 5c to 5½c per lb.; hams, 11c to 13c, and bacon 11c to 12c per pound.

In the Chicago provision market pork eased off 2½c to 5c, closing \$7.70 June, \$7.70 July, \$7.40 September. Lard was steady, closing \$4 15 June, \$4 15 July, \$4 25 September, \$4 30 December. Short ribs closed \$4 52½ June and July, \$4 62½ September.

J. S. Bache & Co. of Chicago, wires:—Provisions opened steady but quickly sold off on free offerings by packers and commission houses. On the decline, Cudahy's brokers bought September ribs and lard market advancing to opening prices. Near the close packers sold moderately, but there is a strong undertone to market.

There was a strong feeling in the Liverpool provision market for lard and prices advanced 1s. Pork closed at 45s for western; lard, 21s; boneless long cut heavy bacon, 25s; long cut light, 24s 6d; short cut heavy, 24s 6d; and tallow, 17s 9d.

Montreal Retail Markets.

Owing to the fine seasonable weather the gathering of buyers at the various markets this morning was large, and in consequence the demand for all lines of produce was good and an active business was done. The attendance of farmers was small, and the supply of grain, which consisted chiefly of oats, was light. The demand was good and prices ruled firmer at 65c to 70c per bag. All seasonable vegetables were abundant, consequently prices generally had a downward tendency. The demand was active and a brisk business was done. Old potatoes were offered in large quantities at 50c to 60c per bag, and new crop stock sold at \$1 to \$1.75 per basket. New sweet peas brought \$1 50 to \$1 75 per bag. Cauliflowers were very plentiful, and good to choice sold at 75c to \$1 25 per dozen, and common at 25c to 50c per dozen. On account of the increased receipts of American tomatoes and cucumbers of late prices have declined considerably. Radishes were somewhat scarce and dearer. In fruit an active trade was done, owing to the warmer weather, and as supplies were large buyers had no difficulty in filling their wants. Strawberries met with an active sale at 75c to 100c per quart. Dairy produce, poultry and game were in steady demand with a good demand

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